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<b>AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111</b>  Address to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	PALX-002CON 9912
	First Named Inventor	Preissman
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	Group Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	Miller, Cheryl L.
	Title	<i>Enhanced Visibility Material for Implantation in Hard Tissue</i>

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated October 25, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before January 25, 2003. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS****IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 45, without prejudice to later pursuit and amend the claims as follows:

40. (Amended) An injectable composition comprising:

a flowable matrix;

radiopaque particles in said flowable matrix, said radiopaque particles having a size between

about 350 $\mu$  and about 2200 $\mu$  so as to be individually visible during implantation, and

radiopaque particles for contrast having a particle size up to about 350 $\mu$ .

41. (Amended) The injectable composition of claim 40, wherein said radiopaque particles have a size between about 570 $\mu$  and 2200 $\mu$ .

42. (Amended) The injectable composition of claim 40, wherein said radiopaque particles have a size between about 450 $\mu$  and 1600 $\mu$ .

43. (Amended) The injectable composition of claim 40, wherein said radiopaque particles have a size between about 570 $\mu$  and 1150 $\mu$ .

44. (Amended) The injectable composition of claim 40, wherein said